CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1.   A method for preparing data for file tailoring in a computing system having

native file tailoring functions, said method comprising the steps of:

5   receiving a set of data preparation control parameters;

building a set of empty tables based upon said control parameters;

processing a set of source data to load said empty tables according to

said control parameters; and

invoking said native file tailoring functions on said loaded tables to

10   obtain a desired set of tailored files.

2.   The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of processing a set of

source data comprises processing a set of tables using a REXX executable

program.

3.   The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of receiving a set of data

15   preparation control parameters comprises receiving a parameter selected from

the group of a set of keys, a skeleton file pointer, a "stats" parameter, a "skip"

parameter, a "parsenum", a "xlat" parameter, a "margin" parameter, a "trunc"

parameter, an "empty", and a "sort" parameter.

4.   The method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said step of invoking native file

20   tailoring functions comprises the step of invoking an ISPF file tailoring

service.

5.   A computer readable medium encoded with software for preparing data for

file tailoring in a computing system, said computer system having

native file tailoring functions, said software causing said computer to

perform the steps of:

5   receiving a set of data preparation control parameters;

building a set of empty tables based upon said control parameters;

processing a set of source data to load said empty tables according to

said control parameters; and

invoking said native file tailoring functions on said loaded tables to

10   obtain a desired set of tailored files.

6.   The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said software

for processing a set of source data comprises software for processing a set of

tables using a REXX executable program.

7.   The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said software

15   for receiving a set of data preparation control parameters comprises software

for receiving a parameter selected from the group of a set of keys, a skeleton

file pointer, a "stats" parameter, a "skip" parameter, a "parsenum", a "xlat"

parameter, a "margin" parameter, a "trunc" parameter, an "empty", and a "sort"

parameter.

20   8.   The computer readable medium as set forth in Claim 5 wherein said software

for invoking native file tailoring functions comprises software for invoking an

ISPF file tailoring service.

9.   A system for preparing data for file tailoring by a computer system having

a native file tailoring service, said system comprising:

a control script for invoking a preparing function, said control script

providing a set of data preparation control parameters so said preparing

5   function;

a preparing function adapted to receive said control parameters,

to build a set of empty tables based upon said control parameters, to process a

set of source data to load said empty tables according to said control

parameters, and to invoke said native file tailoring functions on said loaded

10   tables to obtain a desired set of tailored files.

10.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said preparing function is a

REXX executable script.

11.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said control script is a Job Control

Language (JCL) script.

15   12.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein both the control script and the

preparing function are adapted to run within an ISPF environment.

13.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said preparing function is adapted

to receiving a preparation control parameter selected from the group of a set of

keys, a skeleton file pointer, a "stats" parameter, a "skip" parameter, a

20   "parsenum", a "xlat" parameter, a "margin" parameter, a "trunc" parameter, an

"empty", and a "sort" parameter.

14.   The system as set forth in Claim 9 wherein said preparing function is adapted

        to invoking native ISPF file tailoring services.